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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, JULY 22

1. NYT (PAGE 1) "SOVIET BUYS CORN AND BARLEY IN U.S. - GRAIN PURCHASES, SECOND IN TWO WEEKS, ADD WEIGHT TO RUMORS OF DROUGHT." LATEST PURCHASE 177 MILLION TONS OF CORN, 51 MILLION TONS OF BARLEY SOLD BY CONTINENTAL GRAIN. LAST WEEK MOSCOW BOUGHT 117 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT FROM COOK AND CARGILL, 73 MILLION TONS FROM CANADA. ORDINARILY SALE OF THIS SIZE WOULD HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON CONSUMER PRICES, BUT IT MAY ENCOURAGE OTHER COUNTRIES TO ADD TO THEIR SUPPLIES BECAUSE MOSCOW EXPECTED TO PURCHASE EVEN GREATER AMOUNTS OF FEED GRAIN.

2. NYT (PAGE 1) "SOLZHENITSYN SAYS FORD JOINS IN EASTERN EUROPE'S BETRAYAL" BY BERNARD GWERTZMAN. IN A PREPARED STATEMENT HE INDICATED THAT IF HE HAD HOPE OF DISSUADING PRESIDENT FROM SIGNING THE CSCE AGREEMENT WHICH BETRAYS UNCLASSIFIED

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EASTERN EUROPE, ACKNOWLEDGING OFFICIALLY ITS SLAVERY

FOREVER, HE WOULD HIMSELF SEEK A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT; HOWEVER, THERE IS NO SUCH HOPE AND NO BASIS FOR A CONVERSATION. THE WHITE HOUSE HAD NO COMMENT.

3. NTY (PAGE 4) "CAIRO, DESPITE RISK, LOOKING TO EUROPEAN

ARMS," BY DREW MIDDLETON, DATELINED CAIRO. EGYPTIAN POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS HAVE BEEN CONTEMPLATING A CHANGE IN WEAPONS PROCUREMENT FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO WESTERN EUROPE. THEY HAVE PURCHASED MIRAGES FROM FRANCE, AND ARE INQUIRING ABOUT BRITISH ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND FRENCH BATTLE TANKS.

4. NYT (PAGE 1) "SOYUZ CREW LANDS SAFELY AFTER 'VERY HARD' FLIGHT." (ALL PAPERS)

5. SUN (PAGE 1) "LONGSHOREMEN MAY REFUSE TO LOAD FUTURE GRAIN SHIPMENTS TO RUSSIA," BY JOSEPH HELEWICZ DATELINED BAL HARBOUR, FLORIDA. GLEASON TOLD DELEGATES OF ILA CONVENTION A RESOLUTION WOULD BE DRAFTED BEFORE THE END OF CONVENTION THURSDAY. GLAEASON SUGGESTED HE MAY TURN TO A STRATEGY EMPLOYED WHEN SOVIETS BEGAN CUTTING FREIGHT RATES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC, WHEN HE AND HALL PROTESTED TO SOVIET OFFICIALS AND GOT THEIR WAY. MEANY INDICATED HE WOULD SUPPORT ILA'S DECISION.

6. SUN - EDITORIAL "GRAIN DEAL NO.S 2 WITH MOSCOW" STATES SUCH A PURCHASE, UNLIKE THE 1972 DEAL, WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE U.S. KISSINGER

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